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340-MEMBER NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM ASSEMBLY (NARA)
APPOINTED BY ROYAL DECREE MADE PUBLIC EVENING OF NOV 20.
WITH APPOINTMENT OF NARA PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
CONCLUDED ITS TEMPORARY FUNCTIONS AS LEGISLATIVE BODY AND WILL
HENCEFORTH ADVISE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET, UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS TO BE WORKED OUT. APPOINTMENT OF NARA COMPLETES
DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL POLITICAL ORGANS, FOLLOWING MILITARY
TAKEOVER OF OCT 6 AND CONSEQUENT DISSOLUTION OF ELECTED
PARLIAMENT.

NARA INCLUDES 18 WOMEN (E.G., KHUNYING BOONSIRI OF
CHULALONGKON U.; MRS KANOK SAMSEN WILL, GIRL GUIDES
ASSOCIATION; AND PRINCESS POON PISMAI DISKUN, WORLD FELLOWSHIP
OF BUDDHISM), 27 FORMER MP'S (E.G., LEK NANA, FORMER DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER; SOMBOON SIRITHORN, FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF
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INTERIOR--BOTH DEMOCRATS), 130 MILITARY (27 RTA, 38 RTN, 65

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RTAF; PROMINENT FIGURES INCLUDE GEN SAIYUT KOETPHON, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, RTARF; AVM SIT SAWETSILA, SEC GEN OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL; AND RETIRED GEN THAWIT SENIWONG, MIN OF DEFENSE IN SENI CABINET TILL HIS RESIGNATION IN AUG 1976), NINE POLICE (INCLUDING ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TNPD GEN MONTCHAI PHANKHONGCHUEN), AND 12 FROM UNIVERSITIES (CHULA-LONGKON U. RECTOR, DR TERMSAK KRISANAMARA; AND DEAN OF CHIANG MAI MEDICAL FACULTY, DR TAWAN KANGWANPONG).

THERE ARE TWO MARRIED COUPLES IN NARA: UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, CHAROEN CHAROENRAJTAPARK AND HIS WIFE, KHUNYING SOMSRI; AND FORMER CHIANG MAI DEMOCRAT MP'S SONGSUK PAKKASAM AND HIS WIFE PHANINTRA.

NOMINATIONS WERE MADE BASICALLY ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, AND THE ARMED FORCES. FULLER ANALYSIS AND BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORIES WILL FOLLOW.

COMMENT: NARA IS AN ADVISORY LEGISLATIVE BODY, AND HOW INFLUENTIAL IT WILL BE IN THE NEW POLITICAL SETUP REMAINS TO BE SEEN. ON FIRST IMPRESSION THE NARA APPEARS TO HAVE THE SAME GENERAL CAST AS THE THANIN CABINET: COMPOSED OF RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THAI SOCIETY, DRAWN FROM THE MORE CONSERVATIVE SECTOR OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.
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